

REMARKS**DISPOSITION OF CLAIMS**

Claims 1-22 are pending in the application. Applicants respectfully request that claim 12 be amended for clarification. Applicants also respectfully request new claims 22 and 24 be added with support found in the application on page 5, lines 11 to 43. No new matter has been added.

35 USC §112 – ANTECEDENT BASIS

Claim 12 stands rejected under 35 USC §112, 2nd paragraph, as being indefinite, wherein the recitation “the ω -hydroxylatable fatty acid derivative” in lines 1-2 is alleged to have insufficient antecedent basis. Applicants have amended claim 12 to recite “hydroxylatable fatty acid” instead. Favorable action is therefore solicited.

REMAINING 35 USC §112 AND §103 REJECTIONS

Applicants respectfully traverse all rejections made in the Office action of September 26, 2006, and respectfully re-assert all comments and remarks of record. Applicants have filed an appeal brief along with the filing of this paper. Applicants also request entry of the amendments made above for consideration on appeal.

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Conclusion

Having addressed all issues set out in the Office action, Applicants respectfully submit that the claims are in condition for allowance and respectfully request that the claims be allowed.

Respectfully submitted,
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